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LA VERN S. CROFT

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La Vern Stables Croft, 61, an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency, died yesterday in Arlington Hospital after a long illness.

Croft, who lived at 606 S. 23rd St., Arlington, was born in Lunenburg County, Virginia. He had worked in management of Army post exchanges at Ft. McNair and Ft. Myer for more than 15 years before joining the CIA eight years ago.

He was a member of Calvary Methodist Church in Arlington and a member of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A.F. & A.M.

He leaves his wife, Martha H., of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Gillespie of Lebanon, Va.; five brothers, the Rev. Benjamin R. of Canistota, N.Y.; John A. of Norfolk, Va.; Lyle C. of 919 20th St., Arlington; William Wayne of 6553 Williams Walk, Falls Church, and Frederick L. of 8513 Old Court House Road, Vienna, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Holmes Pulley of Victoria, Va.; Mrs. Arthur Vaughn of Leavenworth, Kan., and Mrs. Hugh A. Allen of Ft. Lee, Va., and three grandchildren.

Masonic services will be held at 7:45 p.m. tomorrow at the Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Services will be held at Calvary Methodist Church, 23rd and S. Grant Streets, Arlington, at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Alexandria.